CONGRATULATORY MOTION.

re: the Accession of His Majesty King George VI.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—Sir, I beg to move—"*This House do convey to His Majesty King George VI, Emperor of India, loyal congratulations upon his Accession and an assurance of devotion to His Royal person*"

King George VI has succeeded to the Throne under circumstances which are unprecedented but which have once again proved the strength of the British constitution and the stability and prestige of the British throne. The new King, we are told, is most like his father in character and disposition and there is no doubt that in the fulfilment of his great task as King Emperor he will be inspired by the same ideals of service, the same desire to uphold the traditions of the Empire and to promote the welfare and contentment of all his subjects. Indeed, the declaration which His Majesty made almost immediately on his accession that he was "resolved to do his duty" has already secured for him a lasting place in the esteem and respect of all his people throughout the Empire. To us, in particular, his name will be associated with the inauguration of a new era in the political life of India. We wish His Majesty a long, happy and prosperous reign.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—I second the resolution. On behalf of my party and on my own behalf I support all the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House. Perhaps the subjects of His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin are best able to understand and appreciate the implications of the abdication of His Majesty Edward VIII and of the assumption of His Majesty George VI to the Throne. We have had the abdication of an illustrious Ruler who was pronounced by competent students of constitutional history to be the maker of modern Cochin. That was 22 years ago. During the reign of that Maharaja before it and subsequent to it we were enjoying the benefits of administration by Maharajas who had openly dedicated their lives for the services of the State. We enjoy similar benefits today also. Under such circumstances we can very well appreciate and understand the good intentions that actuated His Majesty King George VI to make the significant statement in the last Christmas Greeting that 'Like his father George V he is also dedicating all His life for the benefit of His subjects'. May

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His Majesty have a glorious and long period to reign over the Empire over which the sun never sets.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur).*—We agree with all the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Leader of the House.

The motion was carried unanimously, all standing.

Announcement of Bills assented to by His Highness the Maharaja.

Secretary to the Council.—Under Standing Order No. 5(2), I have to announce to the Council that the following Bills have received the gracious assent of His Highness the Maharaja:—

1.	The Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill—sec. 7A (2).	Regulation XIII of 1112.
2.	The Cochin Chief Court Regulation Amendment Bill.	Regulation XVIII of 1112.

Statement Laid on the Table.

Mr. President.— Before the Finance Member places the Statement under section 16(9) of the Regulation I have to give a ruling in view of the point which was raised at the last meeting. In the last Legislative Council Meeting the Hon'ble Member Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar raised a point that the statement of the Finance Member under section 16(9) of the Council Regulation should include only such items of expenditure as have already been incurred by Government. I have examined this point carefully as President of the Council and I have to give the following ruling on the interpretation the Chair places on section 52 of the Legislative Council rules under which these statements are placed before the House. The doubt raised by the Hon'ble Member arose by reason of the fact that while in section 16(9) of the Regulation the words 'authorise such expenditure' are used, rule 52 contains the words 'incurred by Government'. The contention of the Hon'ble Member seems to be that in view of the use of the word 'incurred' in rule 52 the statement should contain only the actual amount spent on work up to the time of placing the Statement and not the total amount authorised by Government. While I agree that there is room for interpreting rule 52 in this light it could not have been the intention of Government in framing these rules that such

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